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SUBJECT: CENTRAL EUROPE PIPELINE OFFICE (CEPO) MEETING ON
CENTRAL EUROPE OPERATING AGENCY PERSONNEL ESTABLISHMENT

REFS: A. STATE 107530

B. CINCEUR ECCS 8681

1. REF B WAS FIRST INFORMATION TO MISSION ON GENERAL VERBOIS' PROPOSAL FOR EXTENSIVE REORGANIZATION OF CENTRAL EUROPE OPERATING AGENCY (CEOA). CHAIRMAN (DUNCAN) OF CENTRAL EUROPE PIPELINE POLICY COMMITTEE (CEPPC) HAS VERIFIED WITH VERBOIS THAT SUBJECT WILL NOT BE ADDRESSED AT MEETING ON 22-23 MAY PENDING ADDITIONAL MEETINGS OF THE CEPO WORKING GROUP.

2. MODIFICATION TO ESTABLISHMENT SUMMARIZED REF B APPEARS TO BE EXTENSIVE AND MISSION IS NOT IN A POSITION TO MAKE DETAILED RECOMMENDATIONS PENDING EXPLANATION BY VERBOIS OF PURPOSE TO BE ACCOMPLISHED. IT IS APPARENT, HOWEVER, THAT VERBOIS MEANS TO DEGRADE THE ROLE OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT. AT FIRST GLANCE, THIS WOULD APPEAR TO GO AGAINST US ASPIRATIONS OF ACHIEVING FINANCIAL CONTROL OF THE PIPELINE THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF THE US DIRECTOR OF FINANCE. DEPT WILL RECALL THE MAXIMUM EFFORTS MADE TO CAPTURE THAT POST AND THE EXTENSIVE
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NEGOTIATIONS OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS TO IMPROVE CONTROL IN THE CENTRAL EUROPE PIPELINE SYSTEM (CEPS). ANY MODIFICATION WHICH WOULD JEOPARDIZE THE PROGRESS MADE SHOULD BE RESISTED.

3. MISSION SUPPORTS EFFORTS TO REORGANIZE THE PERSONNEL
ESTABLISHMENT AT CEOA IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE REDUNDANT POSTS AND
TO CONFINE CEOA TO CONTROL FUNCTIONS RATHER THAN DUPLICATING
TECHNICAL TASKS BETTER ACCOMPLISHED WITH THE DIVISIONS.

4. MISSION WILL FORWARD MORE DETAILED COMMENTS WHEN VERBOIS'
PROPOSAL HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND STUDIED.BRUCE

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